

Nevada Well Driller's Annual Newsletter

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Message from Tracy Taylor, State Engineer

Many changes have taken place within the Division of Water Resources in the past year. So, with that I would like to introduce myself to those that do not know me. Last June I was appointed State Engineer to replace Hugh Ricci who retired after 36 years of service. Prior to my appointment to State Engineer I was the Deputy State Engineer responsible for the Engineering Section of the Division which oversees the testing and licensing of water well drillers in the State of Nevada, as well as the development and enforcement of Nevada's *Regulations for Water Well and Related Drilling*.

The most significant changes to the well drilling industry was the adoption of additional regulations for continuing education and procedures for a demerit system for violations to the regulations for water well drilling. These changes came about because of the 2005 legislature's passage of AB80 and are the result of consultations with the Well Driller's Advisory Board and numerous workshops and hearings. This process involved many professionals in the well drilling industry, the general public and the legislative commission before its adoption into regulation. It is my belief that these changes will result in better service to the public from both the Division of Water Resources and you the well driller.



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Well Driller Application & License Renewal Fees

Annual Renewal of a Well Driller's License (June 30)	\$ 50.00
Application for Well Driller's License	\$100.00

Statewide Well Driller's Advisory Board Members

Driller Name	License Number	Company	Location
James V. Muth	632	Muth Drilling Company	Elko, NV
Roger Thrall	1132	Aqua Drilling Company	Reno, NV
Fred B. Allen III	1301	Allen Drilling, Inc.	Las Vegas, NV
James Biffle (alternate)	772	Welsco Drilling	Fallon, NV
Victor Cline (alternate)	2193	Eagle Drilling Services, LLC	Las Vegas, NV
Layne Harris (alternate)	1698	Eklund Drilling Co., Inc.	Elko, NV

Fred Allen replaces Thomas Beall as a Well Driller Advisory Member and Victor Cline and Layne Harris have become new Member Alternates

The Division of Water Resources is pleased to announce that Fred Allen has been selected as the newest Well Driller Advisory Member. Fred has been a dedicated alternate well driller advisory board member since May 10, 2004. Mr. Allen's knowledge in the well drilling industry has proved to be a great asset for both The State of Nevada, well drillers and potential well drillers. Layne Harris of Elko and Victor Cline of Las Vegas were selected for replacements for the alternate well driller advisory board members. At this time we would like to thank the predecessors of the State of Nevada Well Drillers Advisory Board Members, the latest being Thomas Beall. All of your time, knowledge and inspiration have set the path for future Board Members and well drillers alike.

Submitting Notice of Intent Cards

Per the June 1, 2006, adopted regulations, specifically NAC §534.320 inclusive, GPS coordinates are now required on all Notice of Intent to Drill Cards (NOI). Each NOI shall have tentative GPS coordinates and the corresponding map datum (i.e. N38.34257, W119.43969, NAD83) associated with it pursuant to NAC § 534.320(4). For instances where there will be multiple wells (i.e. monitor and dewatering wells) on the same NOI, an attachment listing the well number/ID with the corresponding GPS coordinates may be submitted.

These coordinates are used to verify the quarter, quarter, section, township, and range, which must correspond with the other location information required on the NOI. After the well is completed, "as-drilled" coordinates shall be taken and submitted with the well log.

For cases that require Affidavits of Intent to Abandon, this office will accept one (1) Affidavit of Intent to Abandon for multiple wells as long as those wells are in the same quarter, quarter, section, township, and range. However, each well associated with the Affidavit of Intent to Abandon shall be listed and described.

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Well Drillers Licensed in the State of Nevada

The Statewide Well Driller's Advisory Board recommended to the State Engineer that licenses for 20 new well drillers be approved in 2006-2007 (listed below). As of May 2007, there were a total of 471 licensed well drillers in the State of Nevada.

In the previous year 2005-2006, there were 35 newly licensed well drillers and a total of 475 licensed drillers in the State of Nevada..

All are licensed as water well drillers and some are restricted to certain types of work, e.g., M = monitor wells, ABDS = shallow dewater wells, R&P = plugging and recondition

Driller's Name	License Number
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Thomas Campbell	M-2323
Marty Garrison	2324
George Owen	2325
Carlos Zelaya	2326
Kirt Moore	2327
Jason Neff	M-2328
Edwin Rivas	2329
Jason Poole	2330
Chris Humphries	2331
Jerry Jensen	2332

Driller's Name	License Number
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Phillip Regeski	2333
George Campbell	2334
Daniel Gilson	2335
Caleb Goldie	2336
David Porter	2337
Quentin Hurtado	2338
Loren Rudolph	2339
Steve Wilson	M-2340
Marion Phillips	2341
Jackie Haennagan	F-P-DEW-2342



What you can find on our Web Site:

Well Log and Water Right databases, Waiver request information, Well Drilling Regulations, Continuing Education and Well Drilling pre-printed forms can be found in the Forms Room at the Division of Water Resources web site at :

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Upcoming Well Drillers Exam Dates

Las Vegas Well Drillers Exam Dates

Thursday August 16, 2007
Friday November 2, 2007

Carson City Well Drillers Exam Date

Friday August 17, 2007
Thursday November 1, 2007

The Well Drillers Exam consists of three parts:

- 1.) A written examination to determine the applicant's knowledge of the rules and regulations for drilling wells in the State of Nevada.
- 2.) Identification of a well location on a topographic map by full legal description.
- 3.) An oral interview by the Statewide Well Driller's Advisory Board regarding the applicant's experience and knowledge of general drilling practices.

There is limited seating at each examination. It is essential that each potential well driller appear for the scheduled exam date. Notices for the exam are sent out four weeks prior, and it is up to the individual to schedule vacations, work load or other necessities around the scheduled exam date.

Companies that have employees scheduled for the examination should make the necessary provisions for their employees to take the time to prepare for and pass the examination.

Temporary Well Drillers License

Individuals with at least two (2) years well drilling experience that submit a well drillers application and whom would like to obtain a Temporary Well Drillers License the Adoption of Section 17. NAC 534.296 (4) will be of importance to you. On June 1, 2006, NAC 534.296 (4), "Issuance and Expiration of Temporary License", came into effect, the changes to the Regulation are as follows;

4. The State Engineer will not:
 - (a) Issue or reissue a temporary license if the applicant has had an application denied by the State Engineer pursuant to Subsection 2 of NAC 534.282; or
 - (b) Reissue a temporary license if the applicant has not obtained a passing score as set forth in NAC 534.282 on the written examination.
5. The drilling contractor or the employee of the drilling contractor, whoever signed and submitted the letter described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2, shall inform the Division in writing if the employment of the temporary licensee is terminated before the date of the next available examination. The drilling contractor or the employee of the drilling contractor, whoever signed and submitted the letter described in paragraph (b) of subsection 2, is responsible for any drilling performed by the temporary licensee until the notice of termination received by the Division. The notice of termination must explain the reasons for terminating the employment of the temporary licensee. The temporary license expires upon receipt of the notice by the Division.

As stated under NAC 534.280 "An application for a well drillers license must be submitted to the Division". The application:

1. Must be completed and signed by the applicant on a form provided by the Division;
2. Must be accompanied by the fee prescribed in NRS 534.140; and
3. Is valid, for each section of the examination that is required pursuant to NAC 534.282, for the first three dates on which that section of the examination is given which immediately follow the date on which the application is submitted to the Division.

There have been many amendments to this and other sections of the "Regulations for Water Well and Related Drilling", it is important that you review the "Regulations for Water Well and Related Drilling" to better educate yourself to the new requirements in the regulations.